

*The Comickall Historie of*

*Ner.* How like you the young Germaine, the Duke of Saxo-  
nies nephew?

*Por.* Very vildly in the morning when hee is sober, and most  
videly in the afternoone when he is drunke: when he is best, he is  
a little worse then a man, and when he is worst he is little better  
then a beast, and the worst fall that ever fell, I hope I shall make  
shift to goe without him.

*Ner.* If he should offer to choose, and choose the right Casket,  
you should refuse to performe your Fathers will, if you should  
refuse to accept him.

*Por.* Therefore for feare of the worst, I pray thee set a deepe  
glasse of Reynish wine on the contrary Casket, for if the Devill  
be within, and that temptation without, I know he will choose  
it. I will doe any thing *Nerissa* ere I will be married to a sponge.

*Ner.* You neede not feare Lady the having any of these Lords,  
they have acquainted me with their determinations, which is in-  
deed to returne to their home, and to trouble you vvith no more  
sute, unlesse you may be wonne by some other sort then your Fa-  
thers imposition, depending on the Caskets.

*Por.* If I live to be old as *Sibilla*, I will die as chaste as *Diana*,  
unlesse I be obtained by the manner of my Fathers will: I am glad  
this parcell of woers are so reasonable, for there is not one among  
them but I doat on his very absence: and I pray God grant them  
a faire departure.

*Ner.* Doe you not remember Lady, in your Fathers time, a Ve-  
netian, a Scholler and a Souldier that came hither in company of  
the Marquesse of *Mountferrat*?

*Por.* Yes, yes, it was *Bassanio*, as I thinke so was he call'd.

*Ner.* True Madam, he of all the men that ever my foolish eies  
look'd upon, vv as the best deserving a faire Ladie.

*Por.* I remember him wel, & I remember him worthy of thy  
How now, what newes? (praise.

*Enter a Servingman.*

*Ser.* The foure strangers seek for you Madam, to take their  
leave: and there is a fore-runner come from a fift, the Prince of  
*Moroco*, who brings word the Prince his Master will be here to  
night.

*Por.* If I could bid the fift welcome with so good heart as I  
can

*the Merchant*

can bid the other foure farewell,  
if he have the condition of a Saint  
I had rather he should thrive me  
firra goe before: whiles we shu-  
ther knocks at the doore.

*Enter Bassanio with*

*Shy.* Three thousand Ducates

*Bas.* I sir, for three months.

*Shy.* For three months, well

*Bas.* For the which as I told

*Shy.* *Antonio* shall be come

*Bas.* May you sted me? Wi

Shall I know your a

*Shy.* Three thousand Ducats

and *Antonio* bound

*Bas.* Your answer to that.

*Bas.* Have you heard any im

*Shy.* Ho no, no, no, no: my

man, is to have you understand

meanes are in supposition: he ha

another to the *Indies*, I understan

bath a third at *Mexico*, a fourth

he hath squandred abroad, but S

men, there be land Rats, and w

land Theeves, I meane Pyrats, a

ters, vvindes, and Rockes: the

ent; three thousand Ducats, I thi

*Bas.* Be assur'd you may.

*Iew.* I will be assur'd I may

bethinke me, may I speake wit

*Bas.* If it please you to dine

*Iew.* Yes, to smell Porke, to

Prophet the Nazarit conjured th

fell with you, talke with you, w

but I will not eate with you, dri

What newes on the *Rialto*, wh

*Bas.* This is signior *Antonio*

*Iew.* How like a fawning p